



## Critical behaviour of the thermodynamic quantities near the melting point in the solid phase of hexadecane

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**Abstract** : We study here critical behaviour of the thermodynamic quantities such as thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$ , isothermal compressibility  $\kappa_T$  and the specific heat  $C_p$  close to the melting point in solid hexadecane. By analyzing experimental data for the thermal expansivity measured at various pressures for constant temperatures of 302 and 325 K, we calculate the pressure dependence of the isothermal compressibility  $\kappa_T$  and specific heat  $C_p$  near the melting point in solid hexadecane. We then establish the Pippard relations ( $C_p$  vs  $\alpha_p$  and  $\alpha_p$  vs  $\kappa_T$ ) for this molecular organic compound close to its melting point.

Values of the slope  $dP_m/dT$  which we deduce from our linear plots of the Pippard relations, are in good agreement with the experimentally measured value for solid hexadecane near the melting point.

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### 1. Introduction

Solid hexadecane as a molecular organic compound (MOC), is one of those long chain paraffin solids and exhibits critical behaviour near the melting point. As pointed out in a previous study [1], it has been shown experimentally that its specific heat  $C_p$  at atmospheric pressure exhibits a pronounced premelting in a temperature range of 60 K from the melting temperature [2,3]. This premelting has been determined experimentally as 1.43 cal for *n*-hexadecane between the temperatures of 15.885 and 19.288°C [4]. In the solid and liquid phases of *n*-hexadecane, the specific heat  $C_p$  was measured at the triple temperature of  $T_1^* = 18.175^\circ\text{C}$  and the values were found as 93.30 and 121.11 cal/°C.mole, respectively [4]. This premelting has also been observed experimentally, where the thermodynamic quantities behave abnormally [3,5,6]. Those premelting anomalies have been observed in a variety of physical probes such as

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some low-frequency optical librational modes [7–9], neutron Bragg intensities [10–12], scattered light [13] and the dielectric constant [14], as also indicated by Pruzan *et al* [1].

Recently, experimental studies on hexadecane have been reported in the literature. Some of those studies are the following : The solid-liquid equilibrium (SLE) diagrams have been obtained experimentally for the binary systems of benzene, cyclohexane + *n*-tetradecane, *n*-hexadecane at temperatures 230–323 K and pressures up to 120 MPa [15]. Very recently, the crystallization temperature of two binary mixtures, the tetradecane + hexadecane and tetradecane + pentadecane systems, has been measured experimentally up to 100 MPa [16] and the experimental results have been compared with the predictions of the model developed on solid-liquid equilibria [17]. Also, the melting temperatures of the three compounds (tetradecane, pentadecane and hexadecane) at various pressures have been obtained experimentally [16] with the results of binary systems (tetradecane + hexadecane and tetradecane+ pentadecane) and they have been compared with the literature data [18]. T-X data for a binary mixture of tetradecane + hexadecane [16] have been compared with the data obtained by using the differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) [19] and also using the kinetic [20] and dilatometric [21] methods. The surface tension of hexadecane solutions of F(12)H(16) as functions of temperature and bulk concentration have been measured, and phase transitions of the adsorbed film of  $F(CF_2)_{12}(CH_2)_{16}H$  at the surface of liquid hexadecane, have been studied experimentally [22]. It has been indicated in an earlier study [23] that the surface phase transition for hexadecane occurs in the supercooled state. Regarding the phase change materials (PCMs), their thermophysical properties such as the melting and freezing point, the heat of fusion and the specific heat [24], have been studied experimentally. Among the experimental techniques, DSC in particular has been used to investigate the thermal characteristics of the PCMs [25–29]. The other experimental techniques have also been used to study the thermal performance of the storage systems of the phase change materials [30–34]. The phase change materials consist of mostly binary or ternary mixtures of paraffin waxes whose thermal characteristics have been studied experimentally during freezing and melting processes [35]. Experiments have been carried out using a mixture of tetradecane (40%) and hexadecane (60%) with the melting temperature of 6.8°C. Also, the liquid-solid phase equilibrium of binary mixture system of tetradecane and hexadecane has been studied for cool storage [36,37] and their phase transition temperature ranges have been determined experimentally [36] by the DSC. Apart from those studies, interface solvent effects have been investigated experimentally in colloidal phase transitions for *n*-hexadecane, benzene and toluene [39]. In *n*-hexadecane the gel information has been observed experimentally in an earlier work [40].

It has been pointed out that  $C_p$  varies less rapidly than the thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$  [1]. On approach to the critical point,  $C_p$  is expected to behave like the isothermal

compressibility  $\kappa_T$  and  $\alpha_p$  [41]. Using the measurements of the thermal expansivity for the solid hexadecane, the value of 1/2 for the critical exponent of the thermal expansivity was obtained from the analysis according to a power-law formula [1]. Considering the premelting effects in solid hexadecane, this critical behavior indicates that a second order phase transition occurs in the solid phase of this molecular organic compound. In the precursor zone, the specific heat  $C_p$  increases with a critical exponent about 0.1 [1]. This increase is much steeper for  $\kappa_T$  and  $\alpha_p$ , whereas close to the pseudocritical line,  $C_v$  and  $\kappa_s$  remain finite [41]. Since  $C_p$ ,  $\kappa_T$  and  $\alpha_p$  diverge near the melting point, they can be related to each other, as  $C_p$  was related to  $\alpha_p$  by Buckingham and Fairbank [41]. These thermodynamic relations are usually derived to describe  $\lambda$ -type of phase transitions [42]. Thus, the divergence behaviour of the thermodynamic quantities considered above, close to the melting point in the solid phase of hexadecane has to be investigated extensively. The mechanism of a second order phase transition prior to melting in the solid phase of hexadecane can then be explained by analyzing the thermodynamic quantities critically. From the point of view of phase transitions in hexadecane, its solid phase prior to melting has been studied extensively [1,3,5–14], as noted above.

In this study we analyze the thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$  of solid hexadecane using the experimental data [1] and calculate the thermodynamic quantities such as the isothermal compressibility  $\kappa_T$  and the specific heat  $C_p$  near the melting point in solid hexadecane. By relating the specific heat  $C_p$  to the thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$  and  $\alpha_p$  to  $\kappa_T$ , we examine the Pippard relations in solid hexadecane near the melting point.

In Section 2, we give our calculations and results. We discuss our results in Section 3. Finally, conclusions are given in Section 4.

The critical behaviour of the thermodynamic quantities such as the thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$ , isothermal compressibility  $\kappa_T$  and the specific heat  $C_p$  can be described by a power-law formula close to the melting point in solid hexadecane.

The thermal expansivity can be described close to the melting point by

$$\alpha_p = A(P - P_m)^{-\gamma} \quad (1)$$

where  $\gamma$  is the critical exponent for  $\alpha_p$ ,  $A$  is the amplitude and  $P_m$  is the melting pressure, as given previously [1]. Using the thermodynamic relation

$$\alpha_p/\kappa_T = (\partial P_m/\partial T)_V \quad (2)$$

the pressure dependence of the isothermal compressibility can be expressed as

$$\kappa_T = A(P - P_m)^{-\gamma}/(\partial P_m/\partial T)_V \quad (3)$$

by means of eq. (1).

Using the definition of the isothermal compressibility  $\kappa_T = -(1/V)(\partial V/\partial P)_T$ , the pressure

dependence of the volume of solid hexadecane will be obtained as follows :

$$V_T(P) = V_m \exp \left[ 1/(\partial P_m/\partial T)_V \left( A(P - P_m)^{1-\gamma}/1 - \gamma \right) \right] \quad (4)$$

where  $V_m$  denotes the melting volume. Finally, using the thermodynamic relation

$$C_p = TV\alpha_p(\partial P_m/\partial T)_s \quad (5)$$

the pressure dependence of the specific heat can be obtained as

$$C_p = ATV(\partial P_m/\partial T)_s(P - P_m)^{-\gamma}. \quad (6)$$

Close to the melting point in solid hexadecane, the specific heat  $C_p$  can be related to the thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$  linearly, according to the first Pippard relation

$$C_p = TV(dP_m/dT)\alpha_p + T(dS/dT)_m. \quad (7)$$

Similarly, the thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$  can be related linearly to the isothermal compressibility by the relation

$$\alpha_p = (dP_m/dT)\kappa_T + 1/V(dV/dT)_m \quad (8)$$

according to the second Pippard relation close to the melting point in solid hexadecane. Thus, linear plots of  $C_p$  against  $\alpha_p$  (eq. 7) and  $\alpha_p$  against  $\kappa_T$  (eq. 8) can be obtained near the melting point in solid hexadecane. By means of eqs. (7) and (8), the slope  $dP_m/dT$  can be deduced close to the melting point in this organic compound.

In order to establish the Pippard relations (eqs. 7 and 8), we first calculated the pressure dependence of the isothermal compressibility  $\kappa_T$  and of the specific heat  $C_p$  for solid hexadecane near the melting point.

We started by analyzing the experimental data for the thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$  at various pressures in solid hexadecane for constant temperatures of 302 and 325 K [1]. This analysis was performed according to the power-law formula (eq. 1) in a logarithmic form

$$\ln \alpha_p = \ln A - \gamma \ln(P - P_m). \quad (9)$$

Pruzan *et al* [1] have analyzed their experimental data for  $\alpha_p$ . Here we reanalyzed their observed data and obtained the values of the critical exponent  $\gamma$  and the amplitude  $A$  for the solid phase of hexadecane, as tabulated in Table 1.

**Table 1.** Values of the critical exponent  $\gamma$  for the thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$  and the amplitude  $A$  (eq. 1) and the values of the slope  $dP_m/dT$  (eq. 7) for the solid face of hexadecane close to the melting point for constant temperatures indicated.

| $T(K)$ | $\gamma$        | $A \times 10^{-4} \text{ (MPa/K)}$ | $(dP_m/dT) \text{ (MPa/K)}$ |
|--------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 302    | $0.54 \pm 0.01$ | 149.88                             | $10.2 \pm 0.2$              |
| 325    | $0.53 \pm 0.01$ | 139.73                             | $10.3 \pm 0.2$              |

From our analysis of the thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$  (eq. 9), we then calculated the pressure dependence of the isothermal compressibility  $\kappa_T$  using eq. (3) where we used the experimental value of  $(\partial P/\partial T)_v - (\partial P/\partial T)_s = 10 \text{ MPa/K}$  [1]. We also needed to evaluate the pressure dependence of the volume in solid hexadecane for the specific heat  $C_p$ . The volume values were evaluated as a function of pressure using eq. (4). In the  $V_T(P)$  expression we used the experimental values of  $1.305 \text{ cm}^3/\text{g}$  at  $30^\circ\text{C}$  and  $1.328 \text{ cm}^3/\text{g}$  at  $50^\circ\text{C}$  [43] for the melting volume  $V_m$ . Those observed values for  $V_m$  corresponded to  $294.930 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mole}$  at  $303 \text{ K}$  and  $300.128 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mole}$  at  $323 \text{ K}$  for the solid hexadecane ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{34}$ ) since it has  $226 \text{ g}$  in one mole. Thus the values of the volume  $V_T(P)$  which we calculated as a function of pressure for constant temperatures of  $302$  and  $325 \text{ K}$ , were used in the  $C_p$  relation (eq. 6). We were then able to calculate the pressure dependence of the specific heat  $C_p$  in the same pressure range close to the melting point in solid hexadecane using eq. (6). Thus, we established the first Pippard relation (eq. 7) by plotting  $C_p$  against  $\alpha_p$  for the solid phase of solid hexadecane for constant temperatures of  $T = 302 \text{ K}$  and  $T = 325 \text{ K}$ , as given in Figures 1 and 2 respectively. From our plots (Figures 1 and 2) we deduced the values of the slope  $dP_m/dT$ , as given in Table 1.

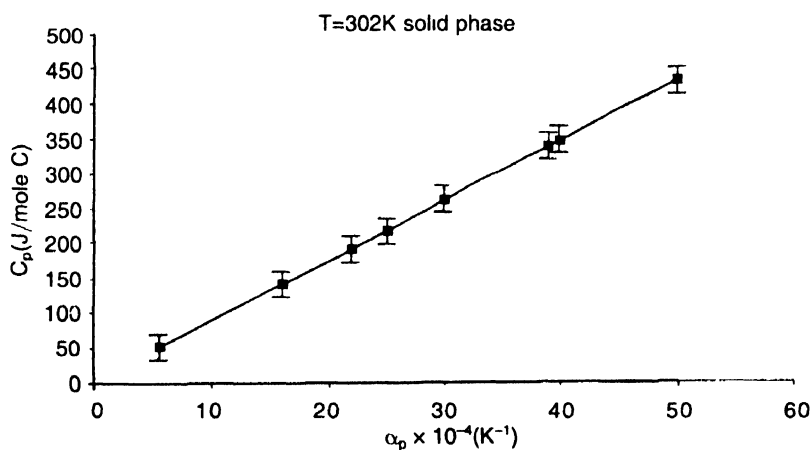
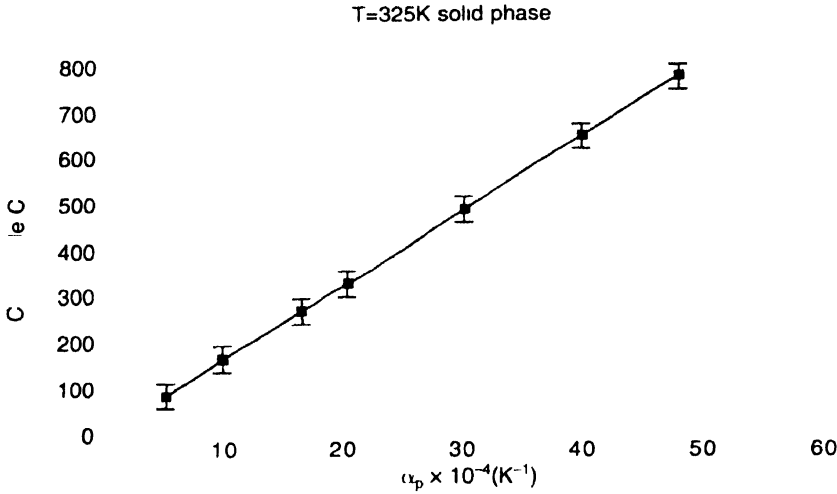


Figure 1. Specific heat  $C_p$  as a function of thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$  at various pressures close to the melting point for a constant temperature of  $T = 302 \text{ K}$  in the solid phase of solid hexadecane (eq.7). Observed  $\alpha_p$  values [1] are shown here.

We also established a linear variation of the thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$  with the isothermal compressibility  $\kappa_T$  according to the second Pippard relation (eq. 8) close to the melting point in solid hexadecane. Figures 3 and 4 give our  $\alpha_p$  vs.  $\kappa_T$  plots for the solid phase of hexadecane at various pressures for constant temperatures of  $302$  and  $325 \text{ K}$ , respectively. Our values of the slope  $dP_m/dT$ , which we deduced from those plots (Figures 3 and 4) have the same value of  $10 \text{ MPa/K}$ , as measured experimentally [1].



**Figure 2.** Specific heat  $C_p$  as a function of thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$  at various pressures close to the melting point for a constant temperature of  $T = 325$  K in the solid phase of hexadecane (eq.7). Observed  $\alpha_p$  values [1] are shown here.

We analyzed in this study the pressure dependence of the thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$  in the solid phase of hexadecane close to the melting point by a power-law formula (eq. 1). Using those values of the fitted parameters  $\gamma$  and  $A$  (Table 1), we first calculated the pressure dependence of the volume (eq. 4) where we used observed values of the volume at 30 and 50°C as the melting volumes for solid hexadecane. Those values of the volume were measured at nearly the same temperatures as 302 and 325 K respectively, at which the thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$  was measured [1]. Using those values of  $\gamma$  and  $A$  for the solid phase of hexadecane (Table 1), we were able to calculate the pressure dependence of the isothermal compressibility  $\kappa_T$  (eq. 3) and the specific heat  $C_p$  (eq. 6) near the melting point in solid hexadecane. When we plotted the specific heat  $C_p$  against the thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$  (eq. 7) and  $\alpha_p$  against the isothermal compressibility  $\kappa_T$  (eq. 8), we obtained that they exhibit linear variations close to the melting point in this system. This indicates that  $\alpha_p$ ,  $\kappa_T$  and  $C_p$  show similar critical behaviour close to the melting point in solid hexadecane. When we extracted the values of the slope  $dP_m/dT$  from our plots, we obtained that they were almost the same as the observed value of 10 MPa/K. This also indicates that those thermodynamic quantities, namely, the thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$ , isothermal compressibility  $\kappa_T$  and the specific heat  $C_p$  exhibit similar critical behaviour described by the power-law formulas (eqs. 1, 3, 6) close to the melting point in solid hexadecane. Regarding the uncertainties in the measurements of the thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$  at various pressures for constant temperatures of 302 K and 325 K [1], we obtained the critical exponent within the uncertainties as  $\gamma = 0.54 \pm 0.01$  and  $\gamma = 0.53 \pm 0.01$ , respectively (Table 1), from our analysis (eq. 1). When we calculated the isothermal compressibility  $\kappa_T$  (eq. 3), volume  $V_T(P)$  (eq. 4) and the specific heat  $C_p$  (eq. 6) as a function of

pressure, we also obtained their values within the uncertainties. Those uncertainties are shown when  $C_p$  was plotted against  $\alpha_p$  according to eq. (7) in Figures 1 and 2, and  $\alpha_p$  was plotted against  $\kappa_T$  according to eq. (7) in Figures 3 and 4. From those plots, we extracted the values of the slope with the uncertainties given by  $dP_m/dT = 10.2 \pm 0.2$  and  $dP_m/dT = 10.3 \pm 0.2$  for constant temperatures of 302 K and 325 K, respectively, in the solid phase of hexadecane, as given in Table 1.

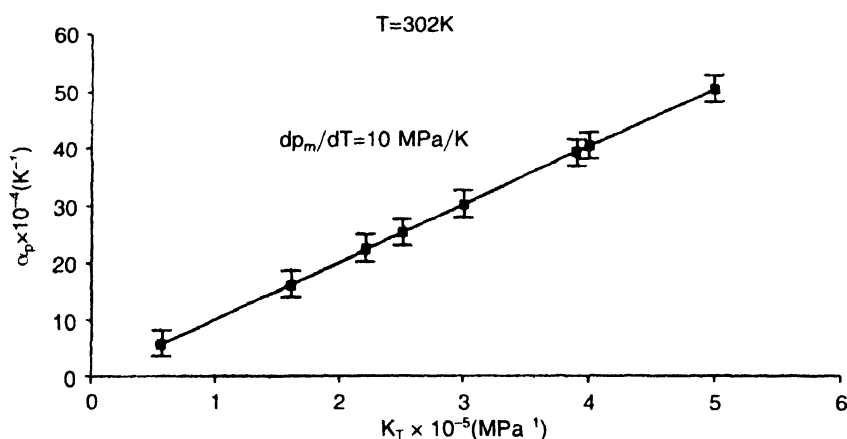
As we see from Table 1, we get the same value of about  $\gamma = 0.5$  for the critical exponent from our analysis of the thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$  at the constant temperatures of 302 and 325 K in solid hexadecane. We analyzed in this study the experimental data for the thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$  at various pressures at the constant temperatures of 302 K and 325 K [1], as pointed out earlier. When the measurements are performed for the thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$  for other temperatures, they can also be analyzed according to a power-law formula (eq. 1). As examples, the experimental measurements were carried out for the thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$  of solid benzene at constant temperatures of 268, 302, 325 and 355 K, and of carbon tetrachloride at 283, 301.5, 302 and 325 K near the melting point, as functions of pressure [1]. They were analyzed according to the power-law and the values of the critical exponent  $\gamma$  for  $\alpha_p$  were found as 0.3 and 0.15 for the solid phases of benzene and carbon tetrachloride, respectively for the constant temperatures indicated above. This means that the thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$  has the same pressure dependence with respect to the melting pressure  $p_m$ , independent of the constant temperatures, giving the same value as the universal critical exponent in benzene and carbon tetrachloride. On this basis, we expect that the universal exponent value of 0.5 should be obtained for other temperatures in solid hexadecane. This supports our conclusion that the solid hexadecane exhibits a second order phase transition with the exponent value of  $\gamma = 0.5$  for the thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$  prior to melting. This value of  $\gamma = 0.5$  from our analysis, is the same as the value of  $1/2$  for the critical exponent expected from theoretical models [44,45]. It has been obtained by Speedy [45] for superheated and supercooled water that the thermodynamic divergences of the thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$ , the specific heat  $C_p$  and the isothermal compressibility  $\kappa_T$  are described by

$$\alpha_p \sim C_p \sim \kappa_T \sim (|p - p_s(T)|)^{1/2} \text{ along an isotherm}$$

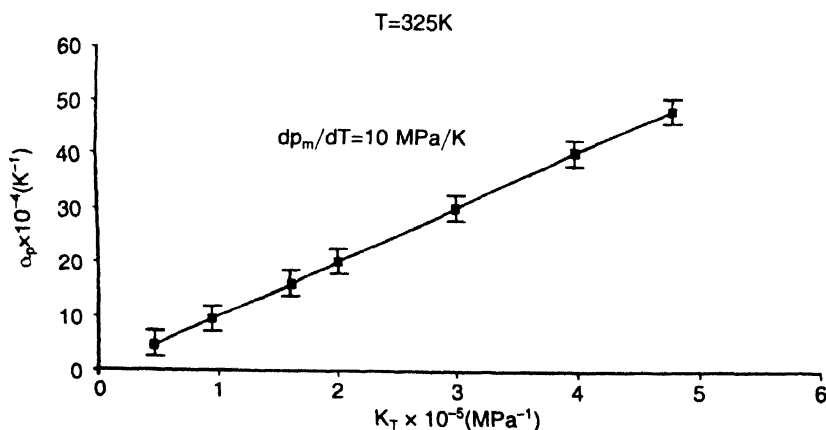
with the critical exponent  $\gamma = 0.5$ . The same exponent value was also obtained previously by Compagner [44] by analyzing the ferromagnetic spinodal in the mean field approximation and it was pointed out that the same exponent would be expected from a mean field theory of the gas and liquid spinodals. Similarly, the divergence behaviour of  $\alpha_p$ ,  $C_p$  and  $\kappa_T$  for the solid phase of hexadecane studied here, which was described according to the power-law formula (eq. 1), would give the same exponent value of  $\gamma = 0.5$ , as obtained from the model studies [44,45]. Our analysis using the experimental data for the thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$  of solid hexadecane gives the values of 0.54 (302 K) and 0.53 (325 K), which agree with the mean field value of 0.5. As

indicated above, this exponent value can be considered as a universal value which is independent of the temperature for the solid hexadecane under the pressure conditions given here. Also, this exponent value of  $1/2$  is expected from a power-law formula for the thermal expansivity in NaCl using a model based on quasiharmonic theory close to melting in alkali halides [46,47], as also pointed out previously [1].

Since the isothermal compressibility  $\kappa_T$  and the specific heat  $C_p$  were calculated using our  $\gamma$  values (Table 1) by means of eqs (3) and (6), respectively, as indicated above, the Pippard relations (eqs 7 and 8) when plotted in Figures (1–4) have zero intercept values. In order to have nonzero values of the intercept  $T(dS/dT)_m$  (eq 7)



**Figure 3.** Thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$  as a function of the isothermal compressibility  $\kappa_T$  close to the melting point in the solid phase of hexadecane at various pressures for a constant temperature of  $T = 302$  K (eq 8). Observed  $\alpha_p$  values [1] are shown here.



**Figure 4.** Thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$  as a function of the isothermal compressibility  $\kappa_T$  close to the melting point in the solid phase of hexadecane at various pressures for a constant temperature of  $T = 325$  K (eq 8). Observed  $\alpha_p$  values [1] are shown here.



and  $(dV/dT)_m/V$  (eq. 8), we should know the temperature dependence of the entropy  $S$  and of the volume  $V$ , at the melting point in solid hexadecane. This will shift the plots of  $C_p$  against  $\alpha_p$  (Figures 1 and 2) and of  $\alpha_p$  against  $\kappa_T$  (Figures 3 and 4), but the slope  $dP_m/dT$  will remain the same.

When the volume is measured or calculated as a function of temperature in the solid phase of hexadecane, then the Pippard relations (eqs. 7 and 8) can also be established at various temperatures near the melting point for constant pressures in this system.

Those thermodynamic relations studied here, which are essentially derived for  $\lambda$ -phase transitions [41,42], can be established in the case of divergence of  $\alpha_p$ ,  $\kappa_T$  and  $C_p$  near the melting point in solid hexadecane. If this molecular organic compound contains defects and impurities, the melting temperature (or melting pressure) will then be determined in an interval, which can be defined as a heterophase melting [3] where continuous large variations occur in the thermodynamic quantities [1]. Thus, experimentally, a pure solid hexadecane is required to shorten the melting zone [4] where the thermodynamic quantities can be measured as they diverge, which can then be analyzed according to a power-law formula. Also, measurements in the melting zone of solid hexadecane, as in other molecular organic compounds, should require a long time to reach equilibrium [1].

We have calculated here the pressure dependence of the volume,  $V_T(P)$ , the isothermal compressibility  $\kappa_T$  and the specific heat  $C_p$  for solid hexadecane close to its melting point. This calculation was carried out by analyzing the thermal expansivity measured as a function of pressure for constant temperatures of 302 and 325 K in this organic compound.

We have obtained here a linear variation of the specific heat  $C_p$  with the thermal expansivity  $\alpha_p$  (first Pippard relation) and also a linear variation of  $\alpha_p$  with the isothermal compressibility  $\kappa_T$  (second Pippard relation) near the melting point for solid hexadecane. Our values of  $dP_m/dT$  extracted from those linear plots, agree well with the observed value for this system.

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